



Senate

General Assembly

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File No. 414

Senate Bill No. 657

Senate, April 9, 2013

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. DUFF of the 25th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION OF CABLE TELEVISION AND VIDEO SERVICE CUSTOMERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Public Utilities Regulatory
2 Authority shall initiate a docket to evaluate additional consumer
3 protections for customers of holders of a certificate of cable franchise
4 authority, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes, and holders
5 of a certificate of video franchise authority, as defined in section 16-1 of
6 the general statutes, including, but not limited to, customer notification
7 of pricing changes. On or before January 1, 2014, the authority shall
8 report the findings of such docket to the joint standing committee of
9 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy,
10 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
11 statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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ET***Joint Favorable***

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	CC&PUCF - Cost	Potential Minimal	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) to initiate a docket to evaluate additional consumer protections for customers of cable television and video services, may result in minimal costs in FY 14 to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to conduct research and analyze data.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

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